

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending June 25, 2000**. Insects continue to be a problem in cotton throughout some parts of the state. Lack of rain is stressing crops in some parts of the state. Soil moisture was rated 15 percent very short, 32 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1999	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	83	69	82	70	4	4	16	58	18
	Dough	37	23	39	28					
	Dent	7	--	5	--					
Cotton	Squaring	80	67	83	78	1	3	20	59	17
	Setting Bolls	13	5	17	13					
Rice	Heading	2	0	3	4	0	2	12	70	16
Sorghum	Heading	16	3	24	17	2	5	26	58	9
Soybeans	Emerged	99	96	96	90	0	3	23	59	15
	Blooming	43	30	44	28					
	Setting Pods	8	--	14	--					
Wheat	Harvested	99	97	96	90	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvest	36	34	46	41	10	23	35	29	3
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	90	85	86	71	0	1	46	48	5
Watermelons	Planted	98	95	98	98	1	11	11	66	11
	Harvested	4	--	10	6					
Blueberries						0	16	39	29	16
Cattle						5	9	24	55	7
Pasture						16	18	26	35	5

County Agent Comments

“All crops benefitted from the scattered showers during last week. There are no major problems occurring at this time.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

“Thundershowers throughout the week provided needed moisture but hampered final work in many of the fields prior to layby. Insect problems are developing in soybean and corn fields. Boll weevil treatments are being applied. Most crops are going into their peak water use periods. Additional rains or irrigations will be needed in the near future.”

— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

“Spot showers across the area over the week end are really helping crops and pastures.”

— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper County

“Pastures are greening up for the first time in two months. The recent rain will keep things going.”

— Mark Gillie, Greene County

“Only scattered showers were received throughout the county last week. Row crops were developing rapidly in their vegetative stage. Corn is beginning to silk and most cotton is squaring. Pastures are still behind normal and there are concerns about getting enough hay rolled for this winter.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

Weather Summary from June 19, 2000 to June 25, 2000 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	95	59	80	81	-1	E0.20	-0.78	1	1.81	90	75	84	0.30
Cleveland	92	71	81			0.35		2	3.47				
Tunica	94	69	81	80	+1	0.32	-0.54	2	1.42	95	75	82	
Extreme/Average	95	59	81	80	+1	E0.29	-0.62	2	2.23	95	75	83	0.30
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	91	64	79	77	+2	2.10	+1.26	1	2.76	91	77	84	0.28
Memphis	95	69	82	81	+1	0.36	-0.41	2	1.59				
Oxford	92	68	80	77	+3	0.65	-0.12	2	2.92				
Extreme/Average	95	64	80	78	+2	1.04	+0.20	2	2.26	91	77	84	0.28
3. Northeast													
Booneville	90	68	79	78	+1	0.31	-0.46	3	3.01				
Corinth	92	65	80	78	+2	0.58	-0.19	2	3.81				
Iuka	93	60	77			0.14		3	1.49				
Pontotoc				78		0.67	-0.30	2	3.82				0.19
Tupelo	95	67	82	78	+4	0.13	-0.71	5	2.17				
Verona	94	68	81			0.09		3	2.01	95	75	83	0.29
Extreme/Average	95	60	80	78	+2	0.32	-0.52	3	2.83	95	75	83	0.23
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	94	67	81	81	0	0.42	-0.44	2	2.27	99	83	91	
Greenwood	92	71	81	80	+1	0.22	-0.76	2	2.32				
Rolling Fork	94	70	83	80	+3	0.51	-0.44	3	1.93	103	84	94	0.24
Stoneville	92	71	82	81	+1	0.61	-0.30	3	2.66	94	76	85	0.24
Yazoo City	92	70	81	81	0	0.48	-0.30	2	2.82				
Extreme/Average	94	67	81	81	0	0.45	-0.46	2	2.42	103	76	90	0.22
5. Central													
Carthage				79		E0.42	-0.39	2					
Jackson	92	70	81	80	+1	0.18	-0.53	4	4.90				
Winona	90	64	78	77	+1	0.63	-0.28	3	2.22				
Extreme/Average	92	64	79	79	0	E0.41	-0.42	3	2.82				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	92	70	81			0.47	-0.31	1	3.25	88	74	81	
Columbus	95	66	80			0.81		5	2.34				
State University	94	67	80	80	0	1.57	+0.68	4	3.24	91	77	83	0.21
Extreme/Average	95	66	80	79	+1	0.95	+0.03	3	2.94	91	74	82	0.21
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	94	70	81			1.78		3	6.59	100	76	87	
Natchez	91	69	81	81	0	0.42	-0.51	2	4.08				
Oakley	93	70	81	79	+2	0.72	-0.19	2	4.71	96	76	86	
Vicksburg	93	71	82			0.50		1	2.88				
Extreme/Average	94	69	81	80	+1	0.86	-0.11	2	4.57	100	76	87	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	95	70	82	81	+1	0.20	-0.78	2	1.64				
McComb	95	69	82	79	+3	2.45	+1.44	3	4.41				
Extreme/Average	95	69	82	80	+2	1.33	+0.35	3	3.03				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						1.39		3	2.48				
Hattiesburg	98	68	82	80	+2	0.10	-0.88	4	1.19				
Laurel	94	69	81	80	+1	1.55	+0.71	4	3.99				
Meridian	95	66	80	79	+1	1.82	+0.94	3	2.99				
Newton	97	65	80	79	+1	0.53	-0.23	2	2.94	78	71	74	0.22
Extreme/Average	98	65	81	80	+1	0.73	-0.18	3	2.71	78	71	74	0.22
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis						0.00		0	1.46				
Biloxi AFB	95	77	87			0.01		1	2.35				
Gulfport	92	71	82	82	0	0.04	-1.11	1	1.31				
Pascagoula				82		E0.10	-1.16	1	0.35				
Poplarville	99	71	83	81	+2	0.13	-0.93	1	1.95	99	75	78	0.27
Extreme/Average	99	71	84	81	+3	E0.06	-1.07	1	1.57	99	75	78	0.27
State	99	59	81	79	+2	E0.68	-0.23	2	2.85	103	71	83	0.24

DFN = Departure from Normal.

'E' = Estimated Values.